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INFORMATION FOR: All Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Employees

FNS Equal Opportunity Policy

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is committed to ensuring equal opportunity in all phases of employment, delivery of services, and distribution of program assistance. This policy is established consistent with the Civil Rights Policy Statement signed by Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack's on February 25, 2009. Secretary Vilsack stated, *"To realize our vision of a modern workforce working in a modern workplace, USDA must become a model department of tolerance and inclusion. Only then will we live up to President Lincoln's description of USDA as 'The People's Department.'*" The Secretary and I are committed to this vision and expect every employee to demonstrate respect for and adherence to USDA civil rights, equal employment opportunity, and diversity policies."

FNS will continue to promote a diverse workforce while maintaining an environment free from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, retaliation, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status, political beliefs, parental status, protected genetic information, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program (not all bases apply to all programs). For more information about equal employment opportunity or to report civil rights violations, please contact the FNS Office of Civil Rights at (703) 305-2195 or visit the website: <http://fnscs/fns/mtf/ocr>.



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